(c) if so, how much area have since been handed over to farmers in the border States; and

(d) by when the remaining area would be demined and transferred to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) A total of approximately 10.5 lakh mines were laid during the mobilisation of army in December, 2001.

(b) and (c) Approximately 71% of the total mines have been completely demined so far. The demined areas are handed over to the farmers/owners in the presence of the State Government officials and village representatives. The information regarding the area of the land mined/demined cannot be disclosed for 'security' reasons.

(d) Exact time-frame for demining the area cannot be determined at this stage.

Indo-US Defence Policy Group Meet in India

3432. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indo-US Defence Policy Group has met in India recently to discuss about defence cooperation ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) No, Sir. The Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG) last met in USA in May, 2002.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Falcon Aircrafts by Israel

3433. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has shown some reservations on the supply of Falcon Aircrafts to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been any violation of the terms and conditions agreed upon for the supply of aircrafts;

(d) steps being taken to ensure adherence to the contract for timely supply of aircrafts by Israel; and